

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION—SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST BY EXAM

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

Mandatory Practice Act. Colorado has a mandatory practice act, which means that you may not practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist in this state without a Colorado license. Submission of this application does not guarantee certification. Therefore, do not make life or career decisions based on the probability that you may receive a certification. Plan ahead for the time it will take for us to receive all required documents and complete our evaluation.

Basic Requirements. Requirements for certification are outlined in the Colorado Revised Statutes, specifically 12-43.5-106, and the Rules and Regulations. Both are available online at www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/Speech-language-pathologist.

In compliance with the Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act of 2010, all applicants are required to complete and maintain an online Healthcare Professions Profile on our website at www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/hppp.

About the Application. This application is to be completed by you and returned to the Office of Licensing. All questions on the application are mandatory, and all supporting documents must be submitted with the application. You may copy as many forms as needed; however, each form submitted must be completed in original ink or typed. Keep a copy of the completed application for your records.

Application Expiration. Your application will be kept on file for one (1) year from date of receipt in the Division. Your file and all supporting documentation will be purged if you do not submit required documents and complete your application process in one year. You will need to resubmit a new application packet and fee after that time.

Social Security Number is Required. Effective January 1, 2009, a Social Security Number is required for all licensees. The Division will consider an application to be incomplete when the applicant fails to submit his/her Social Security Number. Exceptions are made for foreign nationals not physically present in the United States and for non-immigrants in the United States on student visas who do not have a Social Security Number. These applicants must submit a signed Social Security Number Affidavit in lieu of a Social Security Number. You may call (303) 894-7800 to request that one be mailed to you.

Disclosure of Addresses. Consistent with Colorado law, all addresses and phone numbers on record with the Division are public record and must be provided to the public when requested. It is your responsibility to keep your address and contact information up-to-date in our database. All letters, renewal notices, and licenses are mailed to the last known address of record. **If your address is not current, it is possible you will not receive important documents.** You can change your address online by using Online Services at www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/online-services.

License Expiration Grace Period for New Applicants. All new applicants who are issued a certification within 120 days of the upcoming renewal expiration date will be issued a certification with the subsequent expiration date.

- All Colorado Speech-Language Pathologist certifications expire on November 30th every year and must be renewed to continue practicing.

Checking Your Application Status. Visit Online Services at www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/online-services to track your application from the date we log it in our database to the date your license is printed. Please allow us enough time to receive the application through the mail and enter your application into our database before you check the website. We recommend waiting at least 10 business days from date of mailing before checking the status of your application.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

To apply for a Colorado **Speech-Language Pathologist** certification:

- ☐ **Complete the attached application.** Return the completed application and all supporting documentation to the Office of Licensing.
- ☐ **Enclose the non-refundable application processing fee.** See page 1 of the application form for current fees. Fees may be paid by a check or money order drawn in U.S. dollars on a U.S. bank and **made payable to State of Colorado**. All fees are non-refundable and subject to change every July 1.
- ☐ **Complete and return the attached Affidavit of Eligibility form.** Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-34-107, all applicants for licensure are required to complete and sign an Affidavit of Eligibility, and may also be required to provide a copy of a secure and verifiable document.
- ☐ **Provide documentation of any name change.** If your name has changed since you obtained a previously-issued license, or if your name is different on any of your supporting documentation, you must provide a copy of the legal document verifying the name change (i.e., marriage license, divorce decree, or court order).
- ☐ **Certificate of clinical competence** from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association;

—OR—

- ☐ **Request an official transcript(s)** be sent to our office showing that you have obtained a master's or higher in Communication Sciences and Disorders from an accredited institution.
- ☐ **Successful completion of a clinical fellowship** (the clinical fellowship must be approved by either the Director or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association).

—AND—

- ☐ Proof of passing the **National Examination** approved by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) or an exam substantially equivalent. If you are submitting proof of passing an exam substantially equivalent to the ASHA exam you must prove to the Director that the exam is substantially equivalent.
- ☐ **Complete an online Healthcare Professions Profile.** Once your application is received and entered into the Division of Professions and Occupations database, you must create a Healthcare Professions Profile on our website at www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/hppp. You may begin checking the Healthcare Professions Profiling Program (HPPP) website within a few days of submitting your application. If you cannot create your profile within 14 days of submitting your application, or if you have questions or technical issues regarding your online profile, contact the Healthcare Professions Profiling Program at (303) 894-5942. **Your application is not considered complete, and a license will not be issued until you have submitted the online profile.**

Return your completed application packet and all supporting documentation to:

Division of Professions and Occupations
Office of Licensing—Speech-Language Pathologist
1560 Broadway, Suite 1350
Denver, CO 80202



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Department of Regulatory Agencies

Lauren Larson
Director, Division of Professions and Occupations

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: All Applicants

FROM: Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations

SUBJECT: Licensure and Criminal History

Thank you for your interest in becoming a licensed* professional within the Division of Professions and Occupations. Before you submit your application, please be aware of a few facts regarding criminal conduct, convictions, and disciplinary actions in other states.

The mission of the Division of Professions and Occupations is “public protection through effective licensure and enforcement.” One way the Division safeguards consumers is by issuing licenses to fully qualified, competent, and ethical applicants.

During the licensing process – and depending on the specific application – the Division may ask whether you have ever been disciplined in any state, arrested, charged, convicted, or pled guilty to a crime. An arrest, subsequent criminal conviction, or disciplinary action is not an automatic disqualification from licensure. Rather, the appropriate board or program will look at the facts surrounding the criminal conduct and disciplinary action in addressing your license application. You should know that licensure is a privilege, not a right. One thing you must do to obtain the privilege is to be complete and accurate in disclosing information on your application.

Be sure to list all relevant complaints, disciplinary actions, arrests, charges, or convictions in response to the appropriate licensure questions. **Failure to fully and accurately disclose requested criminal history information, alone, could constitute grounds for denial of your application or revocation of your license.** When requested, you must include information regarding prior conduct. This remains the case when the conduct is seemingly unrelated to the activities of a profession, and when the conduct involves deferred sentences or judgments.

Remember, even following licensure, you are still required to notify your professional licensing board or program about subsequent convictions and disciplinary actions in other states.

Please be aware that the Division conducts audits of its licensing database against several criminal and national disciplinary databases. This allows the Division to verify the truthfulness of your application and track subsequent criminal and disciplinary conduct after initial licensure. Keep in mind, your license will not necessarily be revoked, or your application denied, if you have been disciplined, arrested, charged or convicted. But, you will most likely be denied or revoked if you fail to disclose requested information.

**The word "license" is used as a general term. While most of the professions and occupations are licensed, others may be registered, certified, or listed. For precise terminology and requirements related to a profession or occupation, please consult the [website](#) of the appropriate board or program.*



Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
Division of Professions and Occupations
1560 Broadway, Suite 1350
Denver, CO 80202

Licensee/Applicant Full Legal Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix

Colorado Professional or Occupational License/Certification/Registration Number: _____
(if already licensed)

Professional or Occupational License/Certification/Registration type applying for: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

Pursuant to H.B. 06S-1009, C.R.S. 24-34-107, ALL applicants for original licensure* or licensees renewing or reinstating a current Colorado license after January 1, 2007 are required to complete and sign this Affidavit of Eligibility.

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Section A: LAWFUL PRESENCE in the United States

1. ☐ I am a U.S. citizen. Check one of the acceptable secure and verifiable documents in Section B that applies and fully complete the information requested. Complete documentation must be provided upon request.
2. ☐ I am not a U.S. citizen, but I am lawfully present in the U.S. and authorized by the Department of Homeland Security to be employed in the U.S. Check one of the acceptable secure and verifiable documents in Section B that applies and fully complete the information requested. Complete documentation must be provided upon request.
3. ☐ I am not physically present in the U.S. under 8 U.S.C. sec. 1621 (c)(2)(c) or employed in the U.S. pursuant to 8 U.S.C. sec. 1621 (c)(2)(a). Check one option, a or b below, then skip to Section C. (Do not complete Section B.)
 - a. ☐ I am a U.S. citizen, not physically present or employed in the United States.
 - b. ☐ I am a Foreign National, not physically present or employed in the United States.

Section B: SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTS
Select ONE document in this section if you checked 1 or 2 in Section A.

Government Issued Identification	Name of state agency or federal agency that issued the document	Full name as shown on driver's license or state/federal issued ID	License/ID Number	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license or permit				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government issued ID card				
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid U.S. military ID/common access card				
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Department of Corrections inmate ID				
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal ID card				
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. passport				
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Naturalization				

Section B: SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTS (continued)

Government Issued Identification	Name of state agency or federal agency that issued the document	Full name as shown on driver's license or state/federal issued ID	License/ID Number	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of (U.S.) Citizenship					
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid Temporary Resident card					
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid I-94 issued by Canadian government					
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid I-94 with refugee/asylum stamp					
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid I-766 (Employment Authorization Card)			Issuing federal agency:		
Name on card		Alien Number (A#)	Card Number	Valid from (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expires (mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid I-551 (Resident Alien or Permanent Resident Card)			Issuing federal agency:		
Name on card		Alien Number (A#)	Country of birth	Card expires (mm/dd/yyyy)	Resident since (mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid foreign passport with an unexpired visa with proper classification for work authorization, and an unexpired I-94					
Issuing foreign country	Passport Number	Visa Number	Visa Class (ex.: J-1, P-1, H-1B, etc.)	Date of entry (mm/dd/yyyy)	Until date (mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid foreign passport bearing an unexpired "Processed for I-551" stamp or with an attached unexpired "Temporary I-551" visa					
Issuing foreign country:			Passport Number:		

Section C: ATTESTATION

- I understand that this sworn statement is required by law because I have applied for or hold a professional or commercial license regulated by 8 U.S.C. sec. 1621. I understand that state law requires me to provide proof that I am lawfully present in the United States when asked as well as submission of a secure and verifiable document. I may also be required to provide proof of lawful presence.
- I understand that in accordance with sections 18-8-503 and 18-8-501(2)(a)(I), C.R.S., false statements made herein are punishable by law. I state under penalty of perjury in the second degree, as defined in 18-8-503, C.R.S. that the above statements are true and correct.
- I am the person identified above and the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that under Colorado law, providing false information is grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate, registration or permit.
- I understand that the above information must be disclosed to the Department of Regulatory Agencies upon request and is subject to verification.

Print Full Legal Name

Signature (Full Name)

Date

Fee: \$145

The content of this application must not be changed. If the content is changed, the applicant may be referred to the Colorado State Attorney General's Office for violation of Colorado law.

Fees may be paid by check or money order drawn in U.S. dollars on a U.S. bank and made payable to *State of Colorado*.

PART 1—APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Last:		First:	Middle:	Suffix:
Previous Name(s):				
Social Security Number: *		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Place of Birth (city and state, or foreign country):				
Mailing Address: <i>This is a</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Home</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Business</i>		PO Box, Street: City, State, Zip:		
Daytime Telephone Number: ()		E-mail Address: Preferred method for communication: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail		

PART 2—LICENSE INFORMATION

Are you now, or have you ever been, licensed, certified, or registered to practice as a speech-language pathologist by another local, state, or national health care agency?

If **YES**, provide information below (if needed, attach an additional sheet in the same format).

<u>State</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Year license issued</u>	<u>Disciplinary action against license?</u>	<u>Is this license active/current?</u>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPLICANT NAME: _____

PART 3—EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Provide the following information regarding your speech-language pathologist degree(s):

Name of School	Location (City and State)	Degree	Date of Graduation

List the length of time and the locations where you have been engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology:

Name of Business	Location	Length of Time

Have you successfully completed a speech-language pathology clinical fellowship approved by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If **NO**, submit your request and supporting documentation for approval of a speech-language pathology clinical fellowship.

PART 4—MILITARY QUESTIONS

1. Are you a Member of the U.S. military? ☐ YES ☐ NO
➤ If **YES**, provide information below:

Branch:	Duty Station:
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2. Are you the spouse of an active duty military member who has been relocated to Colorado and hold a currently valid and active credential to practice your profession in another state? ☐ YES ☐ NO
➤ If **YES**, refer to the *Military Spouse Exemption Form* available on our website at:
www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/military.

PART 5—SCREENING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a license, certificate, or registration in speech-language pathology suspended or revoked? ☐ YES ☐ NO
➤ If **YES**, please explain: _____
2. Do you have any charges or complaints pending against any license, certificate, or registration? ☐ YES ☐ NO
➤ If **YES**, please explain: _____
3. Do you now abuse or excessively use, or have you in the last five years abused or excessively used, any habit forming drug, including alcohol, or any controlled substance that has a) resulted in any accusation or discipline for misconduct, unreliability, neglect of work, or failure to meet professional responsibilities; or b) affected your ability to practice as a midwife safely and competently? ☐ YES ☐ NO
➤ If **YES**, provide an explanation: _____

APPLICANT NAME: _____

4. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony, or accepted a deferred judgment or deferred prosecution to a felony charge? ☐ YES ☐ NO
5. In the last five years, have you been diagnosed with or treated for a condition that significantly disturbs your cognition, behavior, or motor function, and that may impair your ability to practice as a speech-language pathologist safely and competently including but not limited to bipolar disorder, severe major depression, schizophrenia or other major psychotic disorders, a neurological illness, or sleep disorder? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- If YES, please explain (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
- _____

PART 6—MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

I certify that (check one):

- ☐ I am covered by malpractice insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 per year.
- ☐ I am not covered by malpractice insurance, and I will not provide patient services unless I obtain the insurance in the required amounts.

PART 7—SECURITY OF PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS

- ☐ By checking this box, I attest that I have developed a written plan to ensure the security of patient medical records in compliance with C.R.S. 12-43.5-116 and Rule 14 of 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 748-1.

ATTESTATION

I state under penalty of perjury in the second degree, as defined in C.R.S. 18-8-503, that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In accordance with C.R.S. 18-8-501(2)(a)(I), false statements made herein are punishable by law and may constitute violation of the practice act.

Applicant Signature

Date